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APPLICANT: Hjertman et al  
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FOR: Delivery Device and  
Method for Its  
Operation

AS

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.97 AND 1.98

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. 1.56, the undersigned hereby submits the documents listed on the attached PTO-1449 for consideration by the Examiner in charge of the above-identified patent application.

       [x] U.S. patent applications which the applicant considers to be related to the above-identified application are as follows:

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[x] A concise explanation of the relevance of the non-English language references is as follows:

The relevance of WO 88/09187 can be found on page 9, lines 24-29 of the present specification.

[x] The relevance of U.S. Patents 4,985,015 and 5,318,521 is indicated on the enclosed copy of the International-Type Search Report for the priority application.

These documents are being submitted:

1. ☐ within three months of the filing of the above U.S. national application, or of the date of entry of the U.S. national stage of an international patent application.
2. [x] before receiving a first Office Action on the merits of the above-identified patent application.
3. ☐ following receipt of a first Office Action but before issuance of a Final Action or a Notice of Allowance.
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#### Petition

The undersigned hereby requests consideration of this information after mailing the Final Action or Notice of Allowance by the filing of this Petition under 37 C.F.R.

1.97(d)(2)(ii) and attaching a check in the amount of \$130 as the petition fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.17(i)(1).

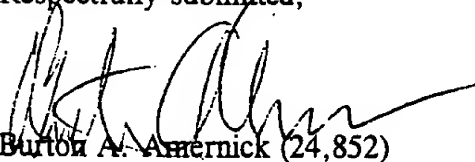
A. ☐ A check in the amount of \$240 is attached in payment of the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.17(p).

B. ☐ The undersigned certifies that each item of this information is being submitted within three months of the date it was cited by a foreign patent office in a counterpart application.

C. ☐ The undersigned certifies that, after making reasonable inquiry, he/she has no knowledge that any item of this information was cited by a foreign patent office in a counterpart application or was known more than three months prior to this submission.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any deficiency in the above fee(s), or any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 or 1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 22-0185. A duplicate authorization is attached.

Respectfully submitted,



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